To the

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Dear Mules:

Back again for another swing around the campus to bring you up to date with events as they are happening here at Muhlenberg. Today is a good day for writing letters - a rainy, cool summer day, so here we go with another edition. And speaking of writing letters, what's the matter with YOU sitting down and doing just what I'm doing now - writing to us here at home and tell us of what you are doing. I've had one letter in response to my last service letter - let's have some more.

If you would return to the campus this fall, familiar structures would probably greet you in the shape of a former Navy barracks and several qounset huts. The Federal Government offered its assistance to the College a few days after the fire because of the college's program for veterans, and the barracks, a two story building formerly used at the Navy Ammunition Depot, St. Julian Creek, Va., is being erected just west of the powerhouse. The new building, 40 by 120, which is expected to be ready for occupancy by the fall term, will be used as a student activities center until the college is able to erect its own student union building. Plans call for using the first floor for a large student lounge and as quarters for the cooperative store. Offices for the student council, the Muhlenberg Weekly, and the college yearbook will be located on the second floor. Until the reconstruction of the Administration Building is completed, probably early in 1948, several classrooms also will be accommodated on the second floor. When classrooms are again located in the Administration Building, the second floor area will be devoted entirely to extra-curricular and recreational facilities for students.

The eleven quonset huts, formerly used at Camp Peary, Va., and now scheduled for use as classrooms and offices, will be erected between the East Hall Dormitory and the parking lot, to the rear of the Ad. Bldg. They will be assembled in three units, two of them 16 by 210 feet, and the third 20 by 56 feet. The buildings will be partitioned and insulated and will be heated by radiators tapping the steam lines leading from the central heating plant to the dormitories. Work on erecting the buildings is expected to begin this week.

GEORGE E. LAWSON '28 will return to the campus this summer and take over the newly-created post of assistant director of athletics. Announcing the appointment, President Tyson said that he would work with Gurney F. Afflerbach, veteran director of athletics in managing the college's intercollegiate athletic program. Mr. Afflerbach, who has been ill since last November will resume his work at the college on a limited basis in September and anticipates spending several hours at his desk each day. Mr. Lawson, who won his varsity letters in basketball, baseball and track at Muhlenberg twenty years ago, returns to the campus after a successful career as teacher of physical education, director of athletics, and coach in the Haddonfield, N.J. school system.

Dr. Clayton W. Wotring, who since 1946 has been a member of the Social Science department, has been elected Professor of Education at Cedar Crest College and will assume his duties this fall.

Dr. Alfred L. Shoemaker has been appointed curator of the Historical Society of Berks County and has resigned his post in the German Department at Muhlenberg in order to accept this new post.

DR. JOSEPH L. NOSAL '37 has been appointed chief surgical resident at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia. The ex-army medical officer who served three years with the 104th Infantry Division in Europe recently completed a year's stay as assistant surgical resident at the Philadelphia Hospital.

MAJOR RICHARD N. THOMPSON '41, who is with the Office of Military Government for Germany, wrote me recently in response to my appeal in the last letter. Major Thompson is working for his doctor's degree in a subject combining comparative linguistics and technical vocabulary.

That about winds up the news for this time. I'll be coming your way again in another two weeks, and meanwhile, remember, we'd REALLY like to hear from you.

Cordially,

John H. Wagner
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